



FACT SHEET #5:

Site Planning

Take time to consider dust control issues before beginning your project in order to save time, money, and project resources. Identify site-specific air quality and dust control issues up front and develop a consensus for addressing these issues. Phase your project and plan your site layout to minimize disturbance of the soil. Action items include:

- Make sure everyone working on the job knows who's in charge and all the requirements for dust control. Encourage a proactive and continuous focus on air quality issues on the job site.
- Evaluate dust control procedures periodically to identify additional issues that develop as the job progresses.
- Limit the amount of area graded at any one time. Lessening the amount of surface being disturbed at any one time reduces the amount of control required and the amount of water or dust suppressant needed.
- Install wind fences or barriers (less than 50 percent porosity). Place barriers around storage piles, parking, and equipment staging areas.
- Develop semipermanent staging areas to cut down on the amount of disturbed area.
- Restrict access on unpaved areas to vehicles and equipment that are necessary that day. Limit unnecessary travel on unpaved surface areas.
- Restabilize disturbed surfaces by paving permanent roads and restoring vegetation as soon as possible.